

**THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CONVENTION CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 26, 2010**

**A meeting of the Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (hereinafter referred to as “Authority”, the “CCA” or the “Board”) was held on January 26, 2010, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Committee Chairman Jeff Hirsh, Board Chairman David Duffy and Commissioners Bernie Buonanno, Paul MacDonald, Jason Fowler, Letitia Carter and Dale Venturini.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Deb Tuton, and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; Larry Lepore and Bon Cappalli, DDC; Steve Hahl, VMA; Bruce Leach, Legal Council, and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Hirsh called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm. Mr. Hirsh sought a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Duffy it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of the December meeting.**

Mr. Hirsh recognized Mr. Muldoon. Mr. Muldoon reported that December was a good month at the Convention Center. He said that Holiday parties and a better than expected Dog Show contributed to a successful month. Mr. Muldoon noted that the AKC had held seminars and meetings on the 5th level. Mr. Muldoon reported that Ms. Masino and her staff had catered an event at the Bank of America Skating Center. Mr. Muldoon stated that parking continues to trail last year and that he was hopeful that transient parking has leveled off. Mr. Muldoon noted that because Disney on Ice attendance was down parking for the shows was also affected. Mr. Duffy asked what the impact of Blue Cross not contracting for parkers. Mr. Muldoon said that negotiations were for 25 parkers but that Blue Cross had decided to make arrangements with the Mall. Mr. Muldoon reported that he had visited our corporate clients to reach out to them and get input from them. Mr. Muldoon reported that GTECH is also moving to the Mall. Mr. Duffy asked if the Mall management was offering a dedicated floor for parking. Mr. Muldoon said that they are not but have offered a discounted rate of \$125.00 for 24/7 parking and our discounted rate was \$140.00. Mr. McCarvill explained the problem that we are having with RI Higher Ed. He said that they have not paid us for parking since July and it may be necessary to lock them out. Mr. Hirsh asked what our arrangement is with RI Higher Ed. Mr. McCarvill explained that it is for student parking at the Providence campus of URI.

Mr. Muldoon requested approval of a rent waiver for the American

**Contract Bridge League that could lead to the largest room high event in the Convention Center's history and will take place over Thanksgiving in 2014. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Duffy it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to approve a rent waiver for the American Contract Bridge League.**

**Mr. Muldoon reported on a lighting project opportunity to replace lighting fixtures for more energy efficient lighting. He said that with a rebate from National Grid and the reduction in usage the return on investment would be approximately 3 years. Mr. Tuton reported that an energy survey was initiated to assure that we would have the correct output for the areas. Mr. McCarvill reminded the Committee that we only have \$2 million left in renewal and replacement and this project will take a quarter of that amount. He said that the State has not funded \$25 million in renewal and replacement. Mr. McCarvill said that it is a concern. Discussion ensued regarding the lighting project. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Duffy and seconded by Mr. Fowler it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to move forward on the lighting project.**

**Mr. Hirsh asked if there were any new business. Hearing none he entertained a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Duffy it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.**